INTER-COLLEGIATE MEETING
YWA Building (19-15)
November 21, 1942
3:40 P. m.-4:40 p.m.

The presiding officer of the meeting was Mr. Shig Takeda who was pinch-hitting for Mr. Henry Ishizuka, President of the Inter-Collegiate Association.

The first speaker was a Mr. Emlen who is studying at the Harvard University. He has lived in the East all his life and this is the first time that he has visited California. He said that he was impressed by the fact that the people on the student relocation council worked till midnight. According to his views, the students should be optimistic about their chances of relocation.

The next speaker was Miss Trudy King who has been with the Relocation Council since June. She named the various steps necessary to get the documents to relocation in order.

1. The transcripts are requested from the schools as soon as the transcripts are sent free of charge; however, in a couple of cases, the schools were not so cooperative.

2. The references to which the questionnaires referred are requested.

3. A group of analysts composed of Deans and Registrars of Insititutions analyze the records and the references. Then ratings are given on the bases of personality, scholarship, and character.

4. The placement department suggests some colleges which are open.

5. If the student is accepted at a college, the permit department takes over the work.

The necessary steps for relocation were then enumerated:

1. The college must permit students to enter them.

2. There must be proof that the student can support himself financially for an year.

    a. Family funds can be used.
    b. Scholarships can be had.
    c. Denominational funds are available.
    d. Jobs can be used to pay part of the expenses.
        (1) Some places offer board and room jobs.
        (2) Some specific positions are open for students.

3. The colleges are cleared by the Army and Navy Departments. At present 286 colleges were cleared. 3 have withdrawn.

4. There must be some friendly people in the community to which the student is going to greet them at their arrival. Now, the requirements in this phase are not so stringent as they were before. Some communities are not so receptive, but Mr. Robert O'Brien, acting as a trouble shooter, is explaining the situations to such communities.

5. Form 26 (made out for each student) is sent to Washington in triplicate so that the students may be checked by the F. B. I. This is a necessary procedure which takes a great deal of time.

6. Application is made for Educational Leave.

7. The travel permits are issued.

It was pointed out that not many travel permits have been issued to Manzanar and so not very many have had the opportunity to go out on Student Relocation. She attributed that to bad luck.

Mr. Howard Beale who is taking Mr. Joseph Conrad's place was the next speaker. He informed the audience that the leading educators of the nation were working on the National Committee. Up to date, 2,400 applications have been received. Between 2,100 and 2,200 questionnaires have been submitted by the students. Over 300 people have been relocatd to continue their education. Between 200 and 300 more are ready for relocation. 1301 student records are already compiled and have been sent to the Placement Department.

The situation of college acceptances change practically every day. Sometimes, the colleges change their minds about the admission of American Japanese. Sometimes, the communities change their minds. Sometimes, the colleges are withdrawn from the lists by the Government. Sometimes, there is no room for any student because defense workers use all available housing surrounding certain school.

Certain colleges are uncertain about accepting students; other colleges like the students so much that they ask for more. The people who are hard to place are those who are in the fields of physics, chemistry, agriculture, and engineering. Usually, these courses are offered in large schools--state institutions. These are hard to open up because of the fact that in many cases, special naval units have part of their training there. Mr. Gordon Sproul and others have gone to see some Navy officials about this problem.

It was declared that three relocation projects have student relocation committees to assist the Council. Several others have counselors to help the students. The three centers most organized were said to be Manzanar, Tulelake, and Poston. There are four or five counselors at Tulelake. The Poston committee was said

to be the most organized of all the committees in the centers. At this center, only those best qualified to represent the Nisei are allowed to leave the center. Each time that a student leaves the center, there is a celebration. Sometimes, there is a religious ceremony to accompany.

The primary purpose of the students who are fortunate to leave centers on Student Relocation would be to convert the Americans to understanding of the Japanese Americans as to their loyalty and Americanism. On the whole, the receptions accorded to the students on their arrival are very gratifying. In several places, the people were initially unfriendly, but Mr. Beale expressed his hope that such situations are clearing up. However, in most cases, the communities have been exceptionally friendly.

Mr. Coan from the English Department of the Los Angeles City College was introduced.

Miss Aki Saito, Secretary of the Inter-Collegiate Association spoke of the progress being made in the College Hall (Ironing Room 11). Soon, plasterboard will be placed. Mills College has already donated some furniture which will arive soon. The college catalogs are coming in now and about 100 have already been received. It was announced that the College Hall will be opened every evening soon to allow the students time to look through the catalogs. She said that donations to make the hall beautiful will be appreciated. Miss Saito thanked the people who helped with the catalog filing and indexing.

Mr. Shig Takeda announced the dane which is to come on Thanksgiving night. Then, he thanked Mr. Beale and the others and adjourned the meeting.

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